Entitlement of Night Duty Allowance

3194. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the entitlement for both Night Duty Allowance (NDA) and Over Time Allowance (OTA), the upper pay limit is Rs. 2200/- pm (pre-revised) and not Rs. 6800/- pm (revised);

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Board of Arbitration had given the award for removing the pay ceiling of Rs. 2200/- pm for all non-gazetted employees on reference from the Staff Side of National Council (JCM);

(c) whether Government are considering the award for allowing NDA and OTA without any upper pay ceiling; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) As per the existing instructions entitlement for payment of Night Duty Allowance (NDA) and Over Time Allowance (OTA) is up to the national pay of Rs. 2200/- p.m. in the pre-revised scales of pay under the CCS (Revised Pay) Rules, 1986.

(b) The Board of Arbitration has ordered removal of ceiling for entitlement of NDA to all non-gazetted employees.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Promotion of UDCs

3195. SHRI ISAM SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Upper Division Clerks of ten years' regular service of Central Secretariat Clerical service have not been promoted as Assistant, so far;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether there is any proposal to start Limited Departmental Examination for promotion of UDC as Assistant;